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SUBJECT: REACTION TO US TRADE BILL

REF BOGOTA 0090, 0057

1. BOGOTA MAJOR DAILIES HAVE GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE TO THE TRADE BILL AND TO THE REACTIONS TO IT IN OTHER LA COUNTRIES. THE STORIES, LARGELY DRAWN FROM WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, CITE THE OPEC PROVISION OF THE BILL AS A DANGER TO THE "NEW DIALOGUE".

2. EL ESPECTADOR (LIBERAL) GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE ON JAN 7 TO AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "LATIN HARD LINE AGAINST US LAW". THE STORY STATES THAT THE US LEGISLATION HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED IN COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR AS "OPENLY DISCRIMINATORY". IN THE SAME ARTICLE

, FORMER FONMIN VAZQUEZ IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE NEW DIALOGUE COULD FAIL COMPLETELY IF THE US DID NOT MODIFY ITS PATENTLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE.

3. THE ESPECTADOR STORY ALSO QUOTES LIBERAL CONGRESSIONAL LEADER HECTOR CHARRY SAMPER (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA) AS CALLING THE TRADE BILL ONE MORE ERROR IN THE CHAIN OF ERRORS AND OVERSIGHTS OF THE PRESENT US GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO LATIN AMERICA".

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CHARRY IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT, IN REGARD TO LATIN

AMERICA "THE DISDAIN OF KISSINGER IS OSTENSIBLE".

4. THE TRADE BILL CONTROVERSY, COMING SHORTLY AFTER THE REPORTED  
DICEION OF THE SECRETARY TO BYPASS COLOMBIA ON HIS LA VISIT,  
PROVIDES AMMUNITION FOR THE CRITICS OF THE US AND WILL BE A  
COUSE OF FURTHER CONCERN FOR OPINION LEADERS SUCH AS CHARRY SAMPER  
AND FORMER PRESIDENT CARLOS LLERAS (REFTELS) WHO ARE HOPING TO  
AVOID US-LA POLARIZATION AND TO ENHANCE ACCOMMODATION AND  
COOPERATION BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND THE U.S.  
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